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NEWS IN BRIEF

DAFFODILS

Tri-Beta members will be selling daffodils through Feb. 20 for the American Cancer Society. The price is $7 for 10 flowers or $15 for 10 flowers and a vase. Members will sell outside the caf during lunch Tuesday and Wednesday. Flowers will be delivered March 18. Contact a Tri-Beta member or Dr. Ann Henninger at Ext. 8280 to place your order now. Money is needed with your order.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Do you know someone who always seems to put themselves before others? Nominate him or her for the 10th annual Student Leadership and Service Awards. Forms can be picked up from Kelly Sjurseth and are due Feb. 17. E-mail kelly.sjurseth or call Ext. 8486.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

Student body presidential and vice presidential candidates are freshmen Aimee Biggs and Katja Halverson, juniors Cassy Dearborn and Jeremy Reichel, and junior Bilal Rahim and freshman Justin Kader.

Treasurer candidates are freshman Leo Marlowe, junior Eric Muhle and freshman Travis Olson.

Recorder candidates are sophomore Annie Fox, junior Amy Serflaten and freshman Becky Townsley.

Voting is Tuesday, Feb. 18.

QUICK FACTS

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Feb. 10, 1763, the French and Indian War came to an end with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

Feb. 11, 1990, South African President Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years.

Feb. 12, 1999, the U.S. Senate acquitted President Bill Clinton on both articles of impeachment: perjury and obstruction of justice.

Enrollment drops 70 from fall

By TINA HINZ
Staff Writer

Wartburg's total enrollment for Winter Term is 1,625 students, according to Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management. This is down from the Fall Term's enrollment of 1,695.

"Students leave at the end of Fall Term because they might find that Wartburg is not for them, or they don't make it academically," said Pete Armstrong, associate dean of students. "Some decide to move closer to home or farther from home, or academic plans change, and the field they're interested in isn't offered here. Others cite financial concerns."

This winter's student population is up by 79 students from last Winter Term's enrollment of 1,546.

"[Winter enrollment] is very high and has gone up consistently for the last nine years," Waldstein said.

She noted that each year incoming students express more interest in Wartburg.

Thirty-nine new students are enrolled this term, which is slightly less compared to Winter Term 2002's 48 new students and 2001's 49 new students. Of the 39, 11 are transfer students, 14 are international students, one is a non-degree-seeking student and 19 are first-time students.

"There appears to be a trend that more students are coming in the fall and staying here, so not as many new students come in the winter, which is really just fine," Waldstein said. "Students usually have more orientation opportunities and a better transition if they come in the fall."

Twenty-two students are enrolled in off-campus programs, including Wartburg West and studies abroad.

Although the final retention report from fall to winter has not been completed, Waldstein said that the total should be about 95 percent. The Fall 2001 to Fall 2002 overall retention was 84.4 percent.

"I think this increase is really just a sign that Wartburg's doing a good job marketing the education we provide, recruiting the students who are a good fit for Wartburg as well as providing them with good classes, academic support services and co-curricular activities," Waldstein said. "When students have satisfying experiences, they stay.

"Once students are here, we provide a good transitional experience, orientation program and opportunities for students to link with groups and individuals and establish relationships with faculty," she added.

Wartburg's rate of retention compares very well to other institutions, Waldstein said.

"When we're compared with other private colleges, we are definitely above average," she said. "In comparison with national colleges and universities, private and public, across the country, we are more than above average. I'd still like to see us improve on retention even more."

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HEADLOCK—Freshmen Laura Guth and Cassie Frush enjoy the snow that finally came and stayed after the Monday night snowstorm.

Closing for snow rare at Wartburg

By KACY BURG
Senior Writer

In recent weeks, many Iowa schools, including some colleges and universities, have canceled classes due to winter weather. However, Wartburg will not cancel class except under extreme circumstances.

The cancellation policy in the student handbook says, "It is very unlikely that Wartburg College, a residential college, will cancel classes due to severe weather."

"Sometimes professors will cancel class because they can't get in, but we don't have many commuters who have to drive," said Linda Moeller, director of communication and marketing. "Community colleges like Hawkeye and even universities like UNI have a lot of commuters."

Moeller said the primary concern for bad weather is when students are returning from a break.

She said that in such a case, the college would follow a designated procedure to decide if classes will be canceled and then notify students. The college would probably e-mail students, put an announcement on local radio stations, put an announcement on the Wartburg Web site and notify the information desk.

"The thing for students to do if the weather looked bad would be to call the information desk," she said. "We also rely on students to use their own judgment about if traveling is safe."

John Myers, director of campus security and safety, said that in bad weather, it is important for students to be responsible.

"It's very important to have a pre-designed route and to let someone know where you're going and when you're leaving, so that they can look for you if you don't show up," he said.

Myers also said that students should keep their cars in good shape and make sure they don't leave on any lights that could drain their batteries.

"We are jump-starting a lot of cars," he said. "We jump-start for free, but it's a pain for you when you have to take that extra time."

It is also important for students to park their cars and bikes in the proper places, Myers said.

"It's very important to stay in the parking lots and slots so that it's easier to clear away the snow," he said. "And don't park your bicycles on the sidewalk, tied up to poles. They've got to be in the bike rack or your room because it's hard to get the snow machinery by them if they aren't."

Myers added that students should be careful walking on slippery sidewalks and should call maintenance or security if they notice a dangerous spot that should be sanded or salted.

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Trumpet wins ICMA awards

The *Wartburg Trumpet* won first place in General Excellence, the top prize given in the 2002 Better Student Newspaper Contest at the third annual Iowa College Media Association convention last week.

"The *Trumpet*'s clean, readable design, crisp writing and people-oriented photojournalism made it the best of a good bunch," a contest judge wrote.

Competing against two- and four-year non-daily newspapers in Iowa, the *Trumpet* received six other awards. Members of the Minnesota Newspaper Association judged the contest, the first in ICMA's young history. Entries were published between Jan. 1 and Oct. 15, 2002.

Freshman photographer Molly Richards won first place in the Best Photograph category for her photo "Soaring over the Peacocks" from Oct. 7.

"[It had] all the elements of a good sports photo: perfect timing, tight crop, faces, intensity of competition," a judge wrote.

Graphic artist senior Jordan Drackley won first place for Best Page One from Sept. 23.

"[The page had] strong news content with exceptional overall design," a judge wrote.

Senior sports writer Lance Ridpath won second place for Best Sports Story with "Mohs, Mennen eager for postseason play" from Feb. 18.

Drackley teamed with junior editor-in-chief Ben Shanno for second place in Best Editorial Leadership. This was Drackley's second award for editorial writing. She won first place at the Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest convention in March.

Senior news editor Emily Block and Drackley received an honorable mention for Best News Story for "Poster, logo raise a hoot" from Feb. 4.

Senior sports editor Joshua Smothers won an honorable mention for Best Columnist for "Rants and Raves with the Guy."

Editorial

Trumpet seeks input from all viewpoints

The columnists that write on an every-other-week basis for the *Trumpet* can write on any topic they choose.

Some of our columnists prefer to write about humorous and anecdotal issues, some choose to write about issues affecting Iowa and the Wartburg campus and some choose to write about world situations.

The staff of the *Trumpet* realizes that not all viewpoints are always represented on this OP/ED page. That's where you come in.

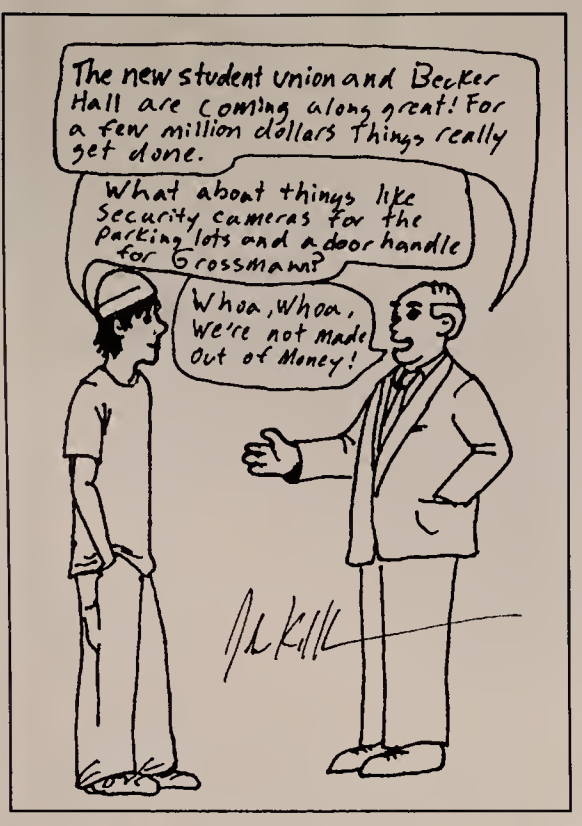
Students are invited to submit guest columns that address a topic relevant to Wartburg, state, country or world issues. These columns can support the opinions presented here, but they can show the other side to issues, too.

This, however, is not a license for a personal attack on a person, writer or a group's stance on a certain topic. It's an invitation to use the newspaper as a forum for discussion.

Anyone wanting to submit a guest column should e-mail it to trumpet@wartburg.edu. A general length guideline is 300 to 500 words. Publication of guest columns is at the discretion of the editorial staff; therefore, submission does not guarantee publication.

The *Trumpet* also welcomes story suggestions via e-mail. If you know of something happening on campus, or of a story that should be covered, let us know. Again, notification doesn't guarantee a story, but it doesn't hurt.

An important function of any newspaper is to examine issues from all sides. With your submissions, you can help the *Trumpet* better serve the Wartburg community.



Equal support for athletes

By STEVEN C. MURRAY
Columnist

Wartburg College's athletic teams are amazing. With the football program posting a 10-2 record and making the NCAA Div. III final 16, the volleyball team winning the 2002 IIAC volleyball tournament, the six-time defending IIAC baseball champions, the two-time defending IIAC women's basketball champions, and countless other records and statistics, it is obvious that Wartburg holds a high standard of athletic excellence. There is also a very large fan base, which also helps contribute to the continued success of these athletic teams.

'So what does Murray know about athletics anyway?' you may be asking of a music and media geek. Well, I do know that I probably attend more Wartburg home athletic events than the average student. For the past two years, I have had the privilege of cheering on the Knights to many a victory, directing the Wartburg College Pep Band.

Wartburg fans love basketball. Wait a minute, check that. Wartburg fans love men's basketball. After attending several home basketball contests, I have found a disturbing trend. January 18, Wartburg hosted Loras College in a basketball doubleheader. With the Knights down 35-34 at halftime, one could only expect an even more exciting second half. The game progressed, with Wartburg barely trailing in the final minutes. The Knights lost the game, 66-61. With such a close game, one could not help but notice the lack of support from the Wartburg fans. An entire student section sitting in Knights Gymnasium was apparently disinterested with the women's team. With an entire gymnasium full of supposed "fans" that might as well have not shown up until 6:00 for the men's game, and five women on the court (with many others courtside) desperately attempting to finish victorious as the final buzzer sounded, I stood in disbelief in front of the pep band.

As the men's team made its way onto the court for the opening minutes of its game, a sea of orange and black supporters jumped to their feet, as they do for almost every home men's game, standing throughout the first three or so minutes of the game. The men's team gets all kinds of crowd attention, while the team still has not even scored a bucket. Heck, the president of the college doesn't usually even show up until halftime of the women's games.

I do not think that the men's team does not deserve the cheering, but rather believe that the women's team deserves just as much support from the home crowd—especially when they are down in the final seconds of a close ballgame.

So, why the lack of interest in the women's games? Some people say that in general, women's athletics are just not all that exciting. I personally would beg to differ, especially with the success and talent of our female athletic programs here at Wartburg.

Just one night prior to the Loras loss, the female cagers put an incredible 113 points on the board against the University of Dubuque's 75. Aside from the point difference, the fact that the Wartburg College women's basketball team scored 113 points in a single game was pretty damn exciting to me, but I guess I'm just one student.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

When looking at your calendar, you may notice something in the square for next Monday, the 17th. I'll save you the trouble: it's Presidents Day! Be honest, did you know it was coming? Unfortunately, most people don't.

Why don't we observe Presidents' Day the same way we observe the birthdays of other important Americans like Martin Luther King? I am very glad that Dr. King's birthday is recognized and that special events are planned in his honor. His work had direct influence on the people of his time and still has indirect influence on people today. But to deny recognition to a group of 43 people who have shaped our country over the past 250 years is wrong. America would not be the nation it is today without the contributions of those men.

So, next Monday, save a space in your thoughts for the presidents. Maybe even take the day off from class! If you can't remember their names, use this helpful and easy-to-remember acronym: WAJMMAJVHTPTFPBLJGHGACHCMRTWHCHRSEKJNFCRBCB.

Andrew Nordstrom
Senior

Basketball, Bush and a large Chinese player named Yao

By JESSE GAVIN
Columnist

Random Thoughts:

• I'm glad to see LeBron James dropped 52 points again this weekend after getting cleared to play by an Ohio judge. It's stupid that people can say that he shouldn't be able to play because he 'benefited monetarily from his stardom.' There are countless people making money off his stardom already; why shouldn't James himself be allowed a piece of the action as well? School officials, pay-per-view channels, his mother and TV networks have all gotten into the LeBron-a-thon. If I'm in James' position, when somebody at a sports store says, 'Here, take these jerseys worth $900,' do you think I'm gonna turn them down? No way.

• Speaking of basketball, I got a chance to see a little bit of the three point shooting and dunk contests on Saturday night. In my opinion, these things are even better than the actual All-Star game, since the competitors actually care about the dunk and three point contests. Jason Richardson vs. Desmond Mason was just spectacular, and I think these guys are going to be big stars in the NBA in a couple years. You know it's a great dunk when you don't see all the elements of it until you see the replay, as was the case with Richardson's between-the-legs, one-handed reverse. You'll see kids trying to replicate that one in their backyards and driveways, just like my friends and I tried to copy JR Rider's between-the-legs jam when we were in junior high.

• Going off the sports tangent for just a second, I want to get a little political. While I think it's great that not everyone is in favor of war with Iraq, I think we need to accept the fact that President Bush and his advisers (mostly his advisers) are smarter than we are and know more about the situation than we do. I'm not saying that I think that war is necessarily the best solution, I will say that I think the people in position to make the decision of whether we go to war or not will make a better decision that I could as your average college student.

• Finally, Yo. Yao. Yo. Yao. Yo. Yao!

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Koob to share her experiences

By RACHEL DVORAK
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Kathryn Koob

Kathryn Koob, guest lecturer in communication arts and religion at Wartburg, will speak on "Reflections on Terrorism—Past experience, present perspective" at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Chapel Commons.

The talk is sponsored by the Waverly chapter of the American Association of University Women and is open to the public.

"As we were putting together a program for the year, we were looking for a topic that might appeal to Wartburg students," said Elaine Main, AAUW vice chair of programming.

Koob was a hostage in Iran for 444 days from November 1979 to January 1982. She was working in Iran and held hostage by Iranian students, who were political activists.

"I will talk about living in a world where terrorism is an everyday part of life, as I experienced it in the foreign service," Koob said. She will discuss terrorism and issues of justice.

"Terrorism is no longer limited by national boundaries, as it has been for so many years," she said.

AAUW and Koob encourage Wartburg senior women to attend the talk and to consider joining the organization after graduation.

"AAUW is an organization that cuts across the board and gives you access to contacts. It's a phenomenal networking tool," Koob said.

The AAUW is a national organization that promotes education and equity for all women and girls. The Waverly branch has 55 members from both the Waverly and Wartburg communities.

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Housing revisions

New sign-up order creates student uncertainty

By SARA MONSON
Senior Writer

Housing sign-up will be undergoing some changes.

In previous years, Grossmann and Residence proposals have been due long before the actual housing sign-up. Residential life is considering switching the sign-up order so that Knights Village sign-up will come before proposals are due.

"We've heard from students that they wished to have Grossmann and the Residence as a fallback if they didn't get into Knights Village," said Pete Armstrong, director of residential life. "We're planning on adjusting the timeline so Knights Village sign-up will be earlier."

Because this decision happened so late, it has posed a few problems in the housing sign-up process.

"We worked diligently in hopes of getting the Village pushed ahead of the others, but unfortunately it doesn't look like this is going to happen," said Matt Townsley, Student Senate Student Relations Committee member. Townsley said that there is no way Knights Village sign-up can happen before Residence proposals are due, as the due date for those proposals is Friday.

However, Armstrong said that students should be notified by Feb. 21 if they can live in the Res. Knights Village sign-up is Feb. 25, and Grossmann proposals are due Feb. 28, with notification by March 12.

Another problem with an early sign-up is the rush for next year's seniors to come up with the $100 housing deposit. Townsley said students wished they could have known housing was going to be earlier sooner, so they had time to come up with the money.

However, many juniors feel this change in the timeline is a positive one.

"The first choice for most seniors is Knights Village," junior Eric Muhle said. "I'm glad I have the option of applying to Grossmann if I don't get in to Knights Village."

Other juniors are hoping to avoid housing sign-up altogether.

"Knights Village is nice, but it isn't worth nearly as much as they are making us pay for it," said junior Megan Schmidt. "I'm planning on living off campus next year, which is nice because I don't have to worry about the sign-up and the deposit."

Townsley and Armstrong hope this change makes housing sign-up more convenient for students.

"Pete has been nothing but great to work with," Townsley said. "This is a compromise that will hopefully lead to an even better housing sign-up for Wartburg students in the future."

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ABOUT FACE

What do you think about campus housing sign-up?

Dawn Sporrer, junior
"Last year during [housing sign-up] it would have been nice to know specifics earlier ... We don't even know how they accept people into Knights Village."

Matt Stoffel, junior
"Knights Village is ideal, an apartment on campus with utilities paid for ... It's a smart business move by Wartburg."

Lisa Vatnsdal, junior
"Res life hasn't said anything about anything yet, so all I've heard is rumors about when sign-up is."

Eric Muhle, junior
"[For housing sign-up order] I think Knights Village, then Res, then Grossmann would be a good idea."

Review

Photo courtesy DreomWorks

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks and Christopher Walken

By ADAM VAN BRIESEN
Movie Reviewer

"To Tell The Truth"—a fitting game show to open the story of one of the world's best liars. To tell the truth—a daunting task for a filmmaker trying to adapt this story.

According to the credits, "Catch Me If You Can" is based on a true story, and technically it is, but on those same lines, so is "Clash of the Titans." What we have here is Steven Spielberg's adaptation of a modern-day myth.

Frank Abagnale Jr. ranks among the biggest con men in history. However, between Abagnale's exaggerations of his crimes and Spielberg's added touches, we've resulted in layers upon layers of fiction on top of long forgotten fact.

Man or myth comparisons aside, here's the story: Frank Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio), a Brooklyn youth, runs away after losing his home to the IRS and his family to divorce. He leaves home with only $25.

Frank learned check-writing scams from his father (Christopher Walken). There's only one man onto him: persistent FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks).

"Catch Me If You Can" is a feel-good movie but never becomes a sappy movie. Spielberg lets just enough emotion seep in to get the audience's feet wet.

DiCaprio has a natural ability to talk his way into the heart of the hardest battle-axe; his head-turning baby face only adds to this charm. These two alone would be enough to pull off an adequate Abagnale, but Leo proves that he's got some chops behind that face. He brings out a passion just below the skin that drives this young millionaire. Frank doesn't care what he's doing, but he knows he needs to be doing it.

It's a shame then that Hanks, one of the most talented actors in this piece, brings such a throwaway performance to the table. Hanratty is an essentially sympathetic character and one of the few able to truly connect with Abagnale. Unfortunately, Hanks' dorky confusion, not to mention a Boston accent as obvious as it is annoying, turns the role to pure comic relief. He's a modern day Keystone Kop.

Then again, it has been discovered that there never was a FBI agent named Carl Hanratty to make a mockery of. But who really cares? This is the story of a con man. And in its defense, perhaps the most realistic thing "Catch Me If You Can" could have done is pull the wool over our eyes. Add a few million more to the list of people that Frank Abagnale Jr. has fooled.

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TB test reveals positive student

By KATIE HARTMAN
Senior Writer

A newly enrolled student at Wartburg was recently suspected of having tuberculosis, causing Wartburg to take precautionary steps to secure the safety and health of the student and others on campus.

The student who tested positive for TB did not have any symptoms, but Wartburg is taking a proactive approach to the situation by isolating the student for the next two weeks until further medical tests are done. The student has started taking medication and has been taken out of the residence hall and classes.

This past week, Wartburg's residential life office sent an e-mail to students and a letter to parents to inform them about the situation. Since this is not a familiar occurrence on campus, Wartburg wanted to stop the "rumor mill," said Linda Moeller, director of communication and marketing.

"The purpose of the e-mail was to tell students not to be worried," she said.

Students should not be alarmed, said Doreen Mingo, director of the Health and Wellness Center. There are 8 million cases of TB a year in the United States and about 16,000 a year in Iowa alone.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, TB is an infectious disease that attacks different parts of the body, usually the lungs and throat. The disease can also affect the brain, kidneys or spine.

Symptoms of TB depend on the location of the disease in the body, but symptoms may include a cough that lasts more than two to three weeks, chest pain, fever, chills, fatigue, weight loss, night sweats, loss of appetite and coughing up blood.

Two categories of TB patients exist: those who have TB disease and those with latent tuberculosis infection. With TB disease, the germs are active and multiplying in a person's body.

When people have active, untreated TB, they can spread the germ when they cough or sneeze, and TB germs are spread into the air. TB is an airborne disease and cannot be spread through hand-to-hand contact; it is not highly contagious. People who have day-to-day contact and share the same air space as a person with TB disease are at the greatest risk of being infected.

For those with LTBI, TB germs are in their body, but they are not sick because the TB germs are not active. On the other hand, they are still at risk because they could develop TB disease in the future. Also, those with LTBI cannot spread the germ to others.

It has not yet been determined if the student who was suspected for TB disease has it or not. Chest x-rays and other tests are being done by physicians, and the results will let the physicians know if the student needs to be treated. Treatment usually includes two to nine months of antibiotics.

Nurses from the Waterloo Visiting Nurses Association will be on campus to perform TB skin tests on individuals who have had close contact with the student.

"This shows the importance of required immunizations," Mingo said. "Often, we have to chase after students to get their immunizations in order to ensure the health of students."

Wartburg requires every newly enrolled student to have a TB skin test done to detect TB or LTBI. Wartburg also offers hepatitis and flu shots on campus throughout the year.

Information about TB can be obtained from the Health and Wellness Center, or log on to www. idph.state.ia.us/.

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SEARCH FOR ANSWERS— Freshmen Angela Kordahl, Chris Laughlin and Jacob Rapp complete questions Thursday at the Quiz Bowl sponsored by the International Club. They won $50 each.

Nikki Schmidt/TRUMPET

'Jammin' with Pops' concludes Artist Series

By JUSTIN KADER
Staff Writer

Actors from Encore Attractions will perform "Jammin' with Pops" in Neumann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb 21. The performance will conclude the Artist Series season.

The musical play enacts a fictitious, yet realistic encounter between jazz icons Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. The play balances music, history and multidimensional acting to tell the story of the people behind the image.

"Louis and Ella did a lot from the American Song Book, and the music supports the story that is told," actor Tyrone Grant said. "Louis tries to help Ella feel better, and he does that through music."

Grant plays the role of Armstrong and considers it a challenge and an honor.

"You don't see a lot of plays about [Armstrong and Fitzgerald]," he said. "It is difficult territory to venture into, but I feel it's worth venturing into because they are such interesting and diverse characters to explore."

Along with the role came lots of research.

"He is such an icon—I just had to grit my teeth, do my homework and do as much research as I possibly could to make the character real," Grant said.

Grant had visited New Orleans in the past but did not realize the contributions that Armstrong and Fitzgerald made to jazz until he was older.

Grant has also acted for television and film. With plenty of experience performing for colleges, he looks forward to adding Wartburg to that list as he spreads knowledge for Black History Month.

"Louis and Ella were such big stars and performers that the general public just sees the glamour, but they had issues and problems as well," Grant explained.

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War possibility brings cautions

By JOANNA MAREK
Staff Writer

As the possibility for war is becoming more of a reality, students and faculty at Wartburg are evaluating the May Term trips and study abroad programs.

At this time there is no official college procedure regarding war and students traveling abroad. However, as the likelihood of war approaches, policies are being drafted, said Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs.

Kathy Traetow of the GMCS office recommends staying on top of things, being educated and aware of what is happening in the world or places students are planning to go.

State government travel cautions or warnings can be monitored by visiting the U.S. Department of State Web site.

"A travel caution is not as strong as a travel warning," Traetow said. "The caution is definitely something to pay attention to."

Wartburg is currently evaluating the countries and the cautions and warnings applied to where students are traveling or planning to travel in the future.

Dr. Joyce Boss, associate professor of English, suggests that students should feel secure while traveling.

"It's good to be challenged regarding one's comfort zone [while traveling], but wartime is a different ballgame all together," Boss said.

Students planning to travel abroad have mixed feelings about the trips.

"I am scared about going to Germany," senior Brooke Trent said. " I know that Wartburg will make responsible decisions regarding the May Term trips and will only let us go if it is completely safe."

Menzel advises students to stay in touch with their professors or program supervisors. Plans regarding May Term trips will be decided as more information about the possibility of war is available.

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Sports management major approved

By JOSHUA SMOTHERS
Sports Editor

Students interested in sports management are in luck.

Wartburg's business administration and physical education departments have partnered to form a sports management concentration within a business administration major that will be in effect for the 2003-04 school year.

"The physical education department had proposed it for years," said Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration/economics. "We decided to partner together with the proposal to help meet the student need and interest that existed within the Wartburg community."

Opting to concentrate in the sports management area would require students to complete five courses, four of which are physical education courses, as well as the required 13 core courses for business administration majors. An internship coordinated through the physical education department is also included in these requirements.

This concentration is designed as a preparation for master's degree programs in sports management. Without additional credentials, job opportunities at the bachelor degree level are very limited.

"The interest in this field has definitely skyrocketed lately," said Ann Arns, chair of the health, physical education and athletic department. "It's always great when two departments can come together to form something special like this."

Arns and Campbell said as many as 30 students attended two informational meetings discussing the issue before the holiday break. Although this concentration will be easier to attain for business administration majors, a majority of the students at the meetings were fitness management majors, according to Arns.

"This is such a competitive area, and business skills are what will be needed for these students," Campbell said. "Those students with individualized majors and the interest from students at our meetings is what helped put this into effect."

"We looked at many of the Iowa Conference schools to see what they had to offer in terms of sports management," Arns said. "We think Wartburg's will develop into one of the best, and we expect great things for this popular field."

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Garrison Spears, 4, of Beaumont, Texas, visits a makeshift memorial established in Hemphill, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 8, a week after the space shuttle Columbia broke up and scattered debris over the woods surrounding the town.

Student teachers help kids cope with Columbia tragedy

By SANDRA REICKS
Staff writer

Wartburg student teachers learned there is more to classroom instruction besides the traditional three "R's."

Monday morning following the explosion of space shuttle Columbia, several teachers-in-training became resources to pupils grappling with a national tragedy.

Seniors Joey Gatto, teaching fifth grade at Immanuel Lutheran in Waterloo, Jessica Kruger, teaching third grade at West Cedar in Waverly, and Steph Blake, teaching third-graders at Sacred Heart in Waterloo, shared the common experience of being in the classroom that day.

But reactions and responses varied depending upon the individual classroom and school district.

"My kids didn't understand the severity of what happened," Gatto said. "They didn't know why the flag was flying at half-staff."

To help explain the historical event, Gatto discussed with his fifth-graders the benefits of exploring outer space, including the use of satellites and seeing pictures of Earth.

At West Cedar, teachers used the Internet to respond to pupils' concerns. Scholastic's Web site was one source for age-appropriate readings about the Columbia explosion. Kruger said her pupils were saddened by the event, but credited teacher Barb Walker with a heroes project that helped them cope.

"There's a new definition of heroes and it's taken a whole new dimension since Sept. 11," Kruger said.

Sacred Heart in Waterloo, a Catholic parochial school, has a built-in plan for handling devastating events—prayer.

"The opening prayer included a prayer for the families of the astronauts," Blake said. Later, pupils went to church and said a rosary.

Jessica Kruger

Diane Mc Carty

Steph Blake

Crisis management plans are mandated in Iowa schools. But according to Diane McCarty, associate professor of education at Wartburg, "Schools have to keep redefining what a crisis management plan is."

McCarty's doctoral dissertation, "A National Survey of Elementary Principals' Response to the Events of September 11, 2001," revealed that crisis management plans guided the actions of some principals, but not all, on Sept. 11. For some, it was a helpful tool.

"I don't know that there's anything that really prepares you for this, but you at least have some outlines to follow," said one respondent in the survey.

From the Cold War to President Kennedy's assassination to Columbine, McCarty said educators have a history of responding to students' needs during a crisis. With each tragedy, there is a heightened awareness of the need to build promising days that follow tomorrow's unknown difficulties.

As the poster next to McCarty's office door in Old Main says, "Teachers Build New Tomorrows."

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Poll shows approval for space program

Five Wartburg College students and two staff persons (18 percent) of 38 persons surveyed last week on campus did not know the name of the Columbia space shuttle that exploded last Saturday on its return from a space mission.

Four others identified the shuttle with the wrong name. Three called it the Challenger and one said it was the Columbus.

The unofficial poll was taken by students in CA305 Reporting for Print Media.

Only two questions were asked. One was the name of the shuttle. The other was whether the United States should continue to spend money on the space program.

Of the 38 persons surveyed, 35 (92 percent) said yes, that the USA should continue the space program. Of the three who said no, one was a staff member and two were students.

"Expanding our horizons is good for the country," said junior Megan Gosnell, a history major. "It helps us learn about the universe we live in and find out where life could live if need be someday."

Librarian Jeanette Gerrietts said that we need to continue funding the space program because "it's part of seeking for what we don't understand. It is not something we can stop doing. We've had a lot of discoveries as a result of the space program."

Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion, said he thinks we need to keep encouraging any kind of scientific research.

"I don't think the money should come from schools or health research," Strickert said. "Compared with military spending, it's (space funding) not that big."

Delford Doherty, a freshman premed major, had no doubts about the importance of the space program.

"What those guys did was a noble cause. I'm in for it. Absolutely," Doherty said. "If I can someday, I'll do nuclear medicine."

Some other positive reasons for continuing to fund space programs were to "make discoveries" and find "cures for diseases, maybe solutions for environmental problems."

However, two students who said they do not agree that funding the space program said money should be used on earth for medical cures.

"They should prioritize their funding and use their money for health things—medical research purposes—to find cures for cancer, disease and such," suggested sophomore Kristin Nelson. "There are more problems here on earth that need to be explored before going to outer space."

Vickey Klunder, administrative assistant to the vice president for student life, said she didn't think we are gaining much by the space program. "I think we have things on earth we need to tend to," Klunder said.

Then there's the lighter response from Kevin Meier, a junior in mathematics/computer science. He wants to continue the space program "because we're sgonna blow this planet up eventually the way we're going."

On the trivia side, the five students who did not know the name of the space shuttle are majors in social work (2), music education, English and mathematics/physics.

Competition level rises at UNI

Teams compete against Division I and II schools at UNI Panther Open

By JANNAE HOLUBAR
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams used a split roster this weekend to compete at the Leif Ericson Invitational at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., Friday and the Panther Open at the University of Northern Iowa Saturday.

The Knights earned a first place team finish on the women's side in the dual against Augustana and the men came up a little short to earn a second place finish.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

SUPERMAN LOOK-ALIKE—Wartburg senior Jason Huegel attempts to clear the bar during Saturday's pole vault competition at the Pather Open. Huegel finished in second place with a height of 15 feet, five inches.

A trio of freshmen swept the distance events on the women's side. Natalie Whitcher, Lara Bowman and Sarah Lacina won the 800-meter dash, the 1500 and the 3000, respectively. The Knights also earned a first-place finish in the triple jump from sophomore Annie Olson and a two-way tie for first in the high jump from freshman Megan Nieman and Olson.

On the men's side, Wartburg got first-place performances from the 4x800-meter relay of freshman Scott Cross, junior Adam Tjeerdsma, freshman Tyler Mueller and sophomore Sean Hart, Tjeerdsma again in the 800 and freshman Josh Jandrew in the high jump. The highlight of the men's meet was senior C.J. Yerington tying the school record in the weight throw.

The level of competition was taken up a notch at the UNI meet on Saturday, where the Knights competed against a variety of Division I and II schools. No team score was kept, but according to head coach Marcus Newsom, the team jumped right in and competed well.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

CROSSING THE HURDLES—Juniors Holly Dorenkamp (second from left) and Lindsay Albertsen (second from right) run in the finals of the 60-meter hurdles Saturday at the Panther Open in Cedar Falls.

"We wanted to come in here and see how we stand at the national level right now. The athletes competed well today, and we had some very good performances," Newsom said.

The women earned two first place finishes in the 800 and the mile, with both of them coming from sophomore standout Missy Buttry. Buttry qualified provisionally for indoor nationals in the 800 and automatically qualified in the mile.

"It felt really good to get back to competing," Buttry said. "I've been just training so long, and all I've wanted to do is race. This gave me a good picture as to where I am at right now."

The women received fourth place finishes from senior Megan Pagel in the weight throw and sophomore Jannae Holubar in the mile run. Fifth place finishes were recorded by senior Tara Bruck in the 3000, junior Sarah Tompkins in the 600 and junior Dia Dohlman in the 800.

The Knights ended the meet on a high note with provisional qualifying performances in the 4x400 relay from both the women and the men. The quartet of sophomore Kelli Marlow, freshman Holly McGonegle, junior Nicole Dougherty and Tompkins crossed the line third, four seconds under the provisional mark. Juniors Andy Six, Alex Six, Brent Showalter and Steve Bubb won the relay for the men with a time only four seconds from the automatic qualifying time.

The men earned a three-four finish in the long jump from freshmen Kyle Stanley and Josh Hauser. The Knights also received fourth place finishes from Bubb in the 400 and freshman Noah Wendland in the mile. Two other top six finishes were earned by senior Gabe Moelstre who finished fifth in the 600 and by senior Joe Hughes who grabbed a sixth place finish in the mile.

"All in all this was a great experience for our athletes," Newsom said. "They got to see some very good competition, and this will get us ready for the great competition we are going to run, jump and throw against next weekend at Whitewater."

The Knights travel to UW-Whitewater for the Warhawk Classic this weekend. The men's track and field team will compete Friday and the women compete Saturday.

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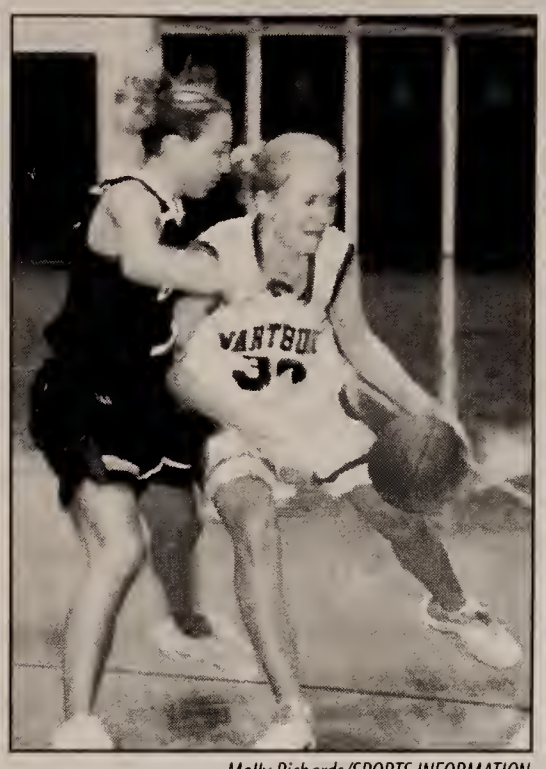

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BARRELING THROUGH THE RAMS—Wartburg junior forward Jessica Mennen drives around Cornell's Lindsey Pfalmer on the way to the basket Friday in Knights Gymnasium.

By LANCE RIDPATH
Sports Writer

Despite a few bumps in the road, the Wartburg women's basketball team plowed through the weekend's competition and is looking for more as it carries a three-game winning streak into the final stretch of the regular season.

One night after pulling away from Cornell College 75-66 in Friday's contest, the team used a giant half-time lead to put away Coe College 70-59 in Knights Gymnasium.

Saturday's game got off to a lackadaisical start, which saw the Knights score just one point in the opening five minutes.

Wartburg picked up momentum when senior guard Katie Fox drilled a three-pointer to go up by ten, 22-12, with seven minutes left in before the break. The Knights never looked back, rolling off the half's final 17 points and taking a 34-12 lead into the locker room.

With the game well in hand in the second half, head coach Monica Severson cleared the benches and gave her starters a well-deserved break. The Kohawks managed to pick up a few easy baskets in the game's final minutes, but long after Wartburg had things wrapped up.

Despite the high-scoring output, the Knights only had one player reach double digits in the scoring column. Junior forward Jessica Mennen's 13 points paced the victory. However, the Knights had 11 players score in the game.

Friday, Wartburg had to hold off Cornell after opening up a 13-point lead at halftime. They mustered up 41 second-half points, but the Knights came away victorious.

Mennen and junior forward Kelly Foley recorded double-doubles. Mennen tallied 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Foley scored 11 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Senior center Holly Mohs also chipped in with 13 points and Fox finished with 11.

With just five games left in the regular season, the Knights will duke it out for ever-so important home court advantage in the first round of the Iowa Conference tournament, with this week's upcoming games playing ca ritical role in that quest.

First off is a home tilt with Buena Vista University (14-6 overall , 9-4 IIAC) Tuesday. The Knights (13-7, 9-4) will seek revenge against the Beavers, who ran up an 87-64 victory in Storm Lake in December.

Wartburg will then have to travel to Dubuque Friday to take on conference co-leader Loras College at 6 p.m. The Duhawks (16-4, 11-2) escaped the Knights 66-61 in a showdown in Waverly last month.

Saturday the road trip will end with a drive down the street to the University of Dubuque, where the Knights will take on the Spartans (10-10, 4-9) in a 4 p.m. game.

WARTBURG (70)
Rasmusson 3-6 2-2 9, Fox 1-5 2-2 5, Mohs 3-6 3-3 9, Mennen 5-9 3-4 13, Foley 3-5 0-0 6, Medhus 1-3 0-1 2, Van 8ibber 0-1 0-0 0, Franzen 2-5 0-0 4, Reynolds 1-4 2-4 4, Engler 0-1 0-0 0, 5mith 1-4 2-4 4, Perry 0-0 0-0 0, Petersen 3-3 0-1 6, 8erner 3-6 2-2 8. Totals 26-58 16-23 70.

COE (59)
Zimmerman 4-6 4-4 14, Estes 0-7 0-0 0, Rohlena 4-12 3-3 11, Rosebrough 1-3 0-0 2, Gramkow 7-15 2-2 19, Ott 0-0 0-0 0, Amy Ernst 2-6 4-5 9, 5arah Ernst 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 20-55 13-14.

Halftime–Wartburg 34, Coe 12.

Three-point goals–Wartburg 2 (Rasmusson, Fox), Coe 6 (Gramkow). Fouled out–Rosebrough. Rebounds– Wartburg 44 (Mohs 8), Coe 28 (Gramkow 6).

Assists–Wartburg 18 (Fox 4), Coe 11 (Zimmerman, Estes 3). Total fouls–Wartburg 12, Coe 20. Technicals–None.

Attendance—575

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Success continues against large schools

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Writer

The Wartburg wrestlers continued their match-by-match dominance Saturday as they dismantled four NCAA Division II teams and a NAIA school at the Central Missouri State Dual Jamboree in Warrensburg, Mo. In Missouri the Knights lost only two individual matches en route to tying their single-season record of 21 wins.

Highlighting the Knights memorable weekend was a 40-0 shutout over the tourney host and No. 13-ranked Div. II Central Missouri State.

Against Central Missouri, No. 4-ranked junior Bart Mehlert and No. 3-ranked senior Sonny Alvarez were able to lead the Knight scoring effort with a pair of pins. Also contributing in a major way was No. 4-ranked senior Kevin Bratland as he scored a 10-2 major decision victory in his 157-pound match.

Other Knights compiling wins against Central Missouri St. included No. 1-ranked senior Heath Ropp (12-6), third-ranked junior Ozzie Saxon (11-5), No. 5-ranked senior Wil Kelly (4-0), second-ranked sophomore Ryan Sturm (4-0), sophomore Nathan Specht (7-0), freshman Ryan Phillips (10-3), and No. 1-ranked senior LeRoy Gardner III (forfeit).

Wartburg produced similar scores in their four other meets Saturday defeating Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (43-2), Fort Hays State (36-3), Southwest University (46-0) and Missouri Baptist University (47-0).

After a near perfect day of wrestling, Wartburg head coach Jim Miller was pleased with his team's performance.

"I like where we are at right now," said Miller. "We win a lot of matches by wearing down our opponents."

Mehlert and Alvarez were wrestlers who spent the day wearing down their opponents. In their ten matches, they combined for six pinsIn practice this week coach Miller plans to complete some "individual fine tuning" as the Knights' focus shifts to their final dual meet and the upcoming conference and national tournaments

"We want to stay psychologically fresh and be ready to go physically," said Miller.

The Knights' next meet will be held Wednesday as they host Buena Vista University in their final dual contest of the season. Action is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Knights Gymnasium.

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SWEET SMELL OF VICTORY—Wartburg sophomore Alan Johnson, senior Mike Pipho and freshman Jason Steege get a quick breather before taking the court during a timeout Friday night against Cornell College in Knights Gymnasium.

Bragging rights on line Tuesday

By JOSHUA SMOTHERS
Sports Editor

Winning its eighth straight game Saturday, the Wartburg men's basketball squad put itself in position to vie for a share of the Iowa Conference lead tomorrow as league-leading Buena Vista University visits Waverly.

The Knights (15-5 overall, 10-3 IIAC) scored 31 points in the first 10 minutes Saturday and downed Coe College 71-66 in a crowded Knights Gymnasium. The victory came one night after defeating Cornell College 64-58.

Rance Cartmill
18 points against Coe

In the first three minutes of action, freshman guard Rance Cartmill tallied eight points, three rebounds, two blocked shots and an assist. Cartmill's three-pointer to open the game gave the Knights a lead they never gave up.

Wartburg led by as many as 15 points (59-44) in the second half, but a barrage of treys included in a Kohawk rally closed the Knights' lead to 63-62 with four minutes left. A lay-up by Cartmill and a blocked shot by senior forward Jake Olsen spurred a 6-0 run that put the game out of the Kohawks' reach.

Cartmill led all scorers with 18 points, while grabbing seven rebounds, dishing out three assists and blocking three shots. Senior forward Mike Pipho chipped in with 14 points, and senior guard Dan Schuknecht added 10 in the winning effort.

Nick Wilkins led Coe (6-15, 6-8) with 12 points, including a six-for-six effort from the charity stripe. Wilkins remains perfect this season from the free-throw line, making all 50 of his attempts. Jake Fish tallied 11 and Andrew Tower chipped in with 10 points and nine rebounds. The Knights held Brandon Sain, the conference leading scorer (16.7 points per game) to seven points, and brother Bruce Sain, the third leading scorer (14.9 ppg) to nine points.

"It was a rough weekend for our program," said Tower, whose team lost 92-84 to Buena Vista Friday night. "Facing two of the top teams in the conference on the road is hard. We could have had this game, but we came out slow at the start, and it hurt us."

Friday night, the Knights put themselves into second place in the conference standings by beating Cornell in a game loaded with turnovers.

The Rams (12-9, 9-5) cut the Wartburg lead to four with only 41 seconds left, but could not get any closer having possession of the ball twice. Although the Rams bettered the Knights in every shooting category, the visitors coughed the ball up 24 times compared to the Knights' 17 turnovers.

Pipho led the surge for the Knights with 18 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard Matt Armentrout chipped in with 13, and Cartmill added 11.

Luke Feddersen paced the Rams with 16 points, while Andy Fox scored 11, and Matt Ditch had 10.

Tomorrow, the Knights play host to the Beavers (17-3, 11-2) in a conference showdown with an 8 p.m. tip-off. A Wartburg win would mean a first-place tie with the Beavers with only four conference games left before the Iowa Conference tournament begins. The Knights then travel to Dubuque for a tilt with Loras College Friday at 8 p.m. and the University of Dubuque Saturday at 6 p.m.

WARTBURG (71)
Cartmill 6-11 2-2 18, Steege 0-1 2-2 2, Schuknecht 3-7 2-2 10, Pipho 4-10 5-6 14, Olsen 3-8 0-0 6, Pedersen 0-0 0-0 0, Armentrout 0-3 0-0 0, Miller 2-2 1-2 6, Recker 0-2 0-0 0, Gomez 2-3 0-0 6, Johnson 1-1 4-4 6, Schmidt 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 22-49 17-20 71.

COE (66)
Wilkins 2-6 6-6 12, Bruce Sain 3-9 3-4 9, Niemann 0-4 4-6 4, Fish 5-8 2-2 11, Tower 5-9 0-0 10, Gentzler 0-5 0-0 0, Clapham 2-2 0-0 4, Axdahl 3-9 0-0 9, Brandon Sain 2-6 2-2 7, Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-59 17-20 66.

Halftime–Wartburg 46, Coe 36.

Three-point goals–Wartburg 10 (Cartmill 4), Coe 7 (Axdahl 3). Fouled out–None. Rebounds– Wartburg 33 (Cartmill 7), Coe 37 (Tower 9).

Assists–Wartburg 16 (Miller 4), Coe 9 (Niemann, Brandon Sain 2). Total fouls–Wartburg 17, Coe 18. Technicals–None.

Attendance—1300

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Men's Iowa Athletic Confernce Standings

	Conference	Overall
Buena Vista University	11-2	17-3
Wartburg College	10-3	15-5
Loras College	9-4	14-6
Cornell College	9-5	12-9
Simpson College	7-6	12-8
Luther College	6-8	7-14
Coe College	6-8	6-15
Upper Iowa University	5-9	8-13
Central College	3-10	3-17
University of Dubuque	1-12	2-18

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LBJ to the NBA

Joshua Smothers
Sports Editor

The most popular name surrounding the wide world of sports is not Tiger Woods. It's not Kobe Bryant or Allen Iverson. Heck, it's not even Michael Jordan anymore. It's an 18-year-old basketball phenom whose athletic ability and celebrity status have graced the covers of magazines and newspapers nationwide.

He is LeBron James. King James, LBJ, Bron Bron, or whatever other nickname might be out there for this kid. And he is a kid. He's a high school senior who is about to become the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft. And he's the victim of today's media and hype, the worst exploitation I've ever seen.

This kid is more than just an all-American. He's all-world, all-galaxy, an all-century prep basketball player. That's what the critics say anyway.

After being suspended by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for accepting two throw-back, vintage jerseys from a local clothing store, I was outraged.

Although I don't consider myself an expert on the court system and the law concerning receiving material items as an amateur athlete, I do know a thing or two about ethics and about doing what is right.

Ever since his appearance last year on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, James has been the center of attention regarding high school athletics. Since then, he's been obsessively exploited. He's been canonized. He's been sold. He's been televised. He's been printed and he's had every ounce of celebrity squeezed out of him.

I must remind you, the kid's only 18. Sure, he drives a $50,000 Hummer and sports a fair share of ice around his neck, but that's beside the point.

Everyone is out to make money off this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. His high school, St. Mary-St. Vincent of Akron, Ohio, makes money off his team's nationally televised appearances. ESPN makes money. People who sell "authentic" items, bearing James' likeness or autograph make money.

Don't believe me? As of Sunday evening at 6 p.m., there were 1,191 items bearing the name of LeBron James on eBay. It's out of control.

Can I get into trouble now for admitting that my high school and AAU basketball coaches bought me numerous meals at Wendy's? Doubtful, but those $5 lunches add up, you know.

And the minute this well-mannered wonderkid of a single, unemployed mother wants a little piece of the pie that everyone is eating from, he gets suspended. Come on. I wouldn't normally feel sorry for someone who's about to make $100 million, but I do feel sorry for this kid.

Imagine the pressure that has been so graciously bestowed upon him. If trying to decide which shoe company to sign with (Nike or Adidas) for $25 million isn't hard enough, try living up to the media-given name of the "next Michael Jordan."

After having his suspension revoked by a judge who blocked a ruling that made him ineligible, he poured in a career-high 52 points in his first game back. Maybe this judge actually cares about James' feelings because I doubt many people on earth actually do.

To say that James' 52-point outing was a bold statement is an understatement. He hushed the critics who said he couldn't hit the outside shot and he gave fans something to cheer about while displaying an array of dunks that would have left the rims in tears if they had feelings.

His aerial assault on the basket gave shoe executives and NBA scouts who sat courtside something more to talk about. The cameras and reporters who infested the gymnasium drooled just watching him play.

If you don't believe in the hype surrounding King James or are not yet familiar with his name or face, consider this: a game with James has become a true happening—much like a Hollywood premiere.

His mediocre high school gymnasium has proven to be too small to showcase his abilities. St. Mary-St. Vincent's gym has been replaced by college and professional-size venues to attract multiple sell-out crowds. The competition, athletically and media-wise, can't keep up with him.

But the media and critics need not to worry. He'll be around for quite some time. The LBJ hype has only been in existence for a little over a year and it looks as if there'll be no end. If you don't like it, tough. Get used to it because LeBron James will eventually become a household name.

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